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BLM Resource Council Nomination Period Extended

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has extended the closing date for applications to the Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) in eastern Washington until **May 10, 2002**. Council members provide input and work collaboratively to make recommendations to the BLM and Forest Service as managers develop plans or projects within the RAC boundaries. Resources are located in whole or in part within the Spokane District of the BLM and the Colville and Okanogan National Forests.

The RACs are 15-member panels that represent the array of interests affected by federal land management policies. A third of the members represent commercial interests, a third represent conservation interests, and a third are neutral.

The Eastern Washington RAC is seeking five applicants, one each to represent the following interests, with four-year terms starting October 1, 2002. The five positions being recruited are for:

- Energy and/or mineral interests
- Transportation or rights-of-way
- Commercial recreation or off-highway vehicle (OHV)
- Archaeological or historical values
- National or regional environmental organization

Applicants must be a resident of Washington state and be endorsed by someone in the interest area they want to represent. Council members are reimbursed for their travel costs, but receive no salary. There may be on-site review of project proposals or emerging management issues, but field reviews are not usually strenuous in nature.

For a nomination form or additional information, please contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management (pam_robbins@blm.gov), 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, (Phone: 541/618-2456), or the Spokane BLM office at 509/536-1200. Additional RAC information about the eastern Washington RAC is on the internet at: www.or.blm.gov/spokane.